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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2011 (the three-month response date for which is January 4, 2012), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

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**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.